



MAY 23, 2021

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
Weekday Masses at St. Matthew:
Tuesday and Friday: 7:45 am
1st Friday: 6:30 pm

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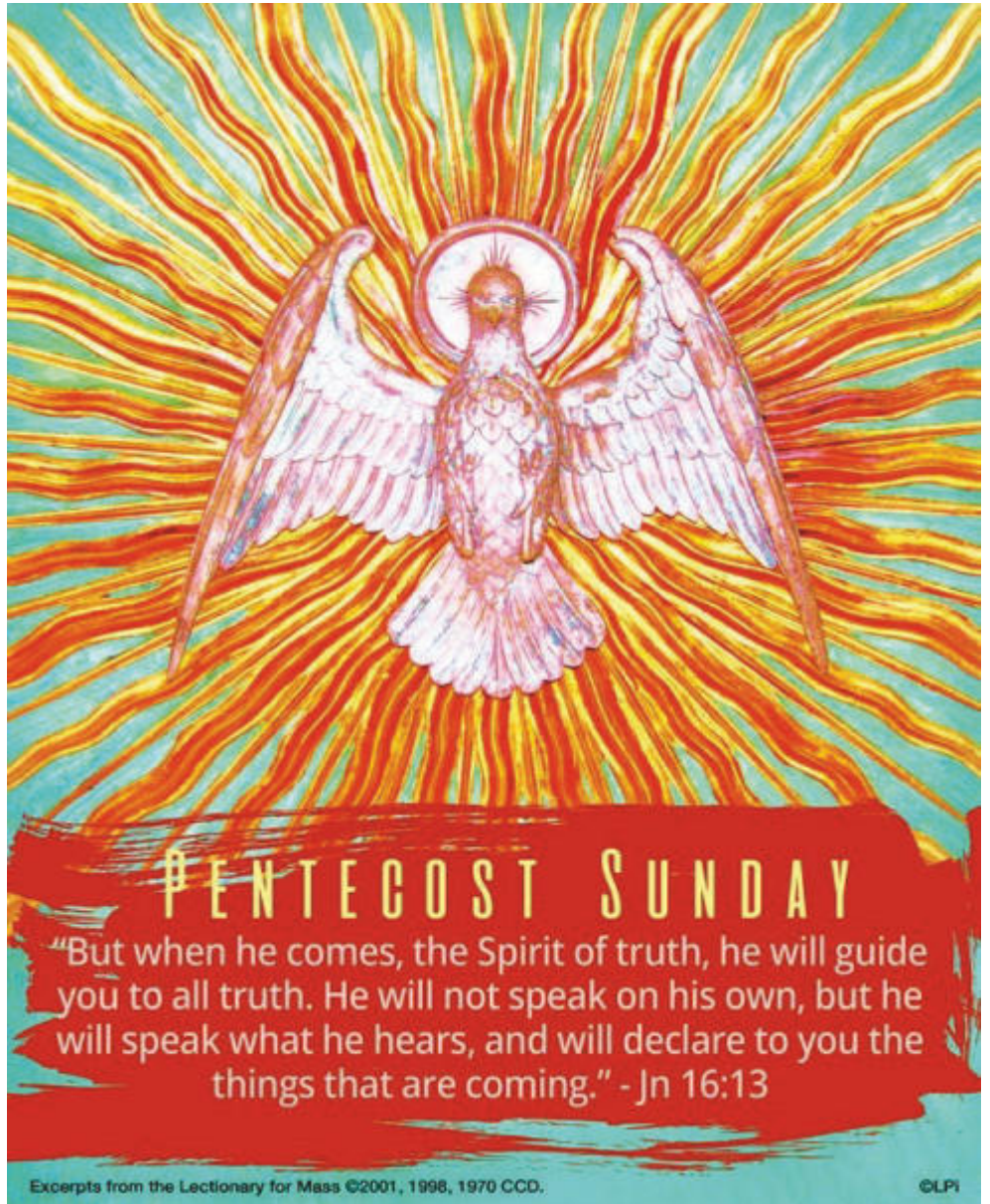
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BAPTISMS: A class for both parents is required before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office.

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES: Registered, practicing members, call the pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Forms are available in the vestibule or contact the parish office.

MASS Intentions

This Week

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| Saturday | 5/22/2021 | 5:30pm | Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes |
| Sunday | 5/23/2021 | 8:30am | Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes |

Next Week

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|----------|-----------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday | 5/29/2021 | 5:30pm | Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes |
| Sunday | 5/30/2021 | 8:30am | Jeffrey & Richard Granger |

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Mass intentions can be scheduled for \$10 each by contacting the Parish Office. Dates are first come, first served and are only considered scheduled when payment is received. **There are still a lot of dates available in 2021!** Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or if you are interested in scheduling a Mass.



ATTENTION LECTORS AND USHERS!



A schedule to sign up for May is available in the Vestibule, or you may call or email Jen in the Parish Office to be put on the schedule. Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Are you ready to return to Mass as a Eucharistic Minister? We are ready to have you back! Please call the Parish Office to let us know, and get a quick training. You will then schedule yourselves, along with the Ushers and Lectors, on weeks when the Deacons do not preach.



APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY WEEDS!



Our flower beds around St. Mary by the Lake are in need of a little TLC. Volunteers are needed to weed the flower beds, perform Spring pruning, some planting of annuals and mulching. If you can help, please contact Heather Warner in the parish Office 639-3616.

FOOD PANTRY

The North Side Food Pantry that we support is in need of supplies. They are humbly asking us to "come thru again" with these specific items:



- Jelly/Jam
- Dry/instant potatoes
- Soup (no cream of)
- Laundry soap
- Dry pasta (shells, elbow, egg noodles)
- Spaghetti O's
- Pork & beans
- Pancake Syrup
- Pancake Mix

Food may be dropped off in the blue barrel at the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you know anyone who needs food, please send them over to the Food Pantry.

PENTECOST: THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH



Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church. Historically, it was celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It is the 50th day after Easter (if we count both Easter and Pentecost), and it succeeded the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and which celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai.

The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the original Pentecost as well (Acts 2). Jews from all over were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast. On that Sunday, ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection:

"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with diverse tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak." [Acts 2:2-4]

Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day.

That is why Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

You Don't Have What It Takes — but You Will

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.

We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



The phrase "being filled with the Holy Spirit" may summon forth images that are a bit too intense for some

folks. They may conclude that when one is filled with the Holy Spirit that they immediately begin speaking in tongues, loudly praise God, sing alleluia from roof tops, and do other demonstrative things. In reality, being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It is the Holy Spirit that draws us together as a community of faith, inspires us with wisdom and right judgment, and turns us from the darkness of sin to the virtues that bring life. We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. The Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church, guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced human beings God made us to be. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts!

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REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The descent of the Holy Spirit onto the disciples, which marked the beginning of the Church, was a transformative experience for the followers of Jesus. What have been some transformative experiences for you in your faith journey?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks to the Galatians about our universal struggle between the Spirit and the flesh. Paul even lists examples of the "works of the flesh" and the "fruits of the Spirit." How would you measure your own success in this spiritual battle?

Gospel:

Jesus assured his disciples that his Father would send the "Spirit of truth" to believers offering guidance and divine gifts. Where do you see the Holy Spirit active in your life?

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We remember in prayer all who are sick or suffering. If you or a loved one would like to be added to this list, please contact the Parish Office. To maintain privacy, please confirm the person submitted is aware their name will be published.

Patricia Bladzick

Kevin Burgey

Eryn

Virginia Fitzgerald

Joan Grontkowski

Klara Hanel

Jim Kardos

Elaine Koshere

Jenny Kraase

Christopher Kroes

Sarah M.

Saralee Mayew

James (Jamie) Michael

Carolyn Potter

Joyce Ramczyk

Julie & Scott S.

Barbara and Dan Schuster

Calvin Sustachek

William & Diane Wagner

For the children who are not in school, that they continue to receive school support, love and sustenance.

That all affected by the pandemic stay safe, especially the elderly.

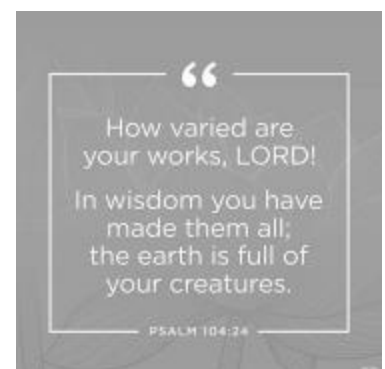
For the swift end to this crisis.

For all first responders in Racine County.

For a good friend of Kathy S.

For the daughter of the Guertin family who is volunteering her nursing services in California.

Please remember to notify the Parish Office of any updates to the prayer list, including when to remove yourself or your loved one from the list.





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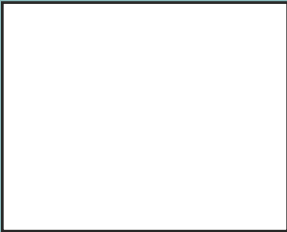
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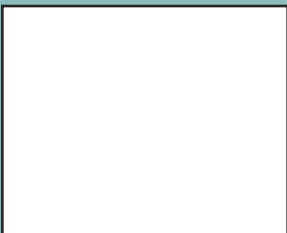
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